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Spy ran out of luck

FBI watched as envoy jogged with Reds

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EACH MORNING, Arne Treholt would leave his apartment on W. 62d St.—just off Central Park West—to join the joggers who circle the park in search of physical and mental health.

Treholt, who was a diplomat with the Norwegian Mission to the United Nations, would some-



Arne Treholt—former chief of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry press office.

times be running to work off the alcoholic excesses of a party the previous night. He entertained a lot and his parties were enjoyed by some of the best and the brightest of the city's international set.

Sometimes as he jogged around Central Park Treholt would be joined by a Russian friend. What they said to each other—in English, Russian or Norwegian—was of considerable interest to the governments of the Atlantic Alliance.

According to the FBI, which probably had agents jogging a discreet distance behind Treholt, he was not just training for the New York City Marathon—which he completed four times. He also was passing NATO secrets to the Soviet Union.

• Arne Treholt was a runner—and a spy.

The FBI acknowledges with equanimity that about 40% of the Soviet and Eastern bloc diplomats in New York are full-time spies. FBI officials believe that all Eastern bloc diplomats conduct at least some espionage work.

It's safe to assume that a good percentage of U.S. diplomats posted overseas also are gathering intelligence. That's all part of the games that nations play.

THE FBI DOESN'T worry too much about spies employed at East bloc embassies and missions. After all, they're relatively easy to track and easily expelled when their activities become too blatant.

A spy like Treholt, however, is more dangerous.

Treholt, a welcome delegate from a NATO ally, could move around without the restrictions that are placed on East bloc diplomats. A Soviet spymaster could use Treholt as his eyes and ears when the Norwegian went to places from which the Russian was barred. Soviet and East bloc diplomats based in New York have to get special permission to travel outside the city.

Norwegian authorities are still questioning Treholt, who was arrested Jan. 20 in Oslo, to verify the extent of the damage caused by the secrets he passed to the Soviet Union.

The damage may not have been too great. All indications are that both the Norwegian government and the FBI were aware of Treholt's activities for some time and may have used him to pass phony "secrets" to the Kremlin.

The Soviet espionage agency, the KGB, may be conducting its own investigation to determine whether it can trust any of the information it received from Treholt.

Treholt, 41, had held sensitive positions in the Norwegian Foreign Ministry despite being a member of the Norwegian Labor Party's left wing.

For years he was an assistant to Jens Evensen, former minister of trade and shipping and special

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